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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time of one month for responding to the final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 27, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 27, 2006 final Office Action was originally due July 27, 2006.

Enclosed is a check covering the \$120.00 statutory extension fee for filing a response within the first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Accordingly, the due date for responding to the April 27, 2006 final Office Action is now August 27, 2006, and the Request for Continued Examination submitted concurrently herewith is being timely filed.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any other required fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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